

REMARKS

The Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Springer in view of Yamashita, Lilly and Lagerway, et al is respectfully traversed. Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Springer in view of Yamashita, Lilly and Lagerway, et al. as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Wong, et al. and Gonser, et al. is respectfully traversed. Applicant has cancelled claim 3.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Springer in view of Yamashita, Savage, Jr. and Lagerway, et al. as applied to claim 5 and further in view of Lilly is respectfully traversed. Applicant has cancelled claim 17.

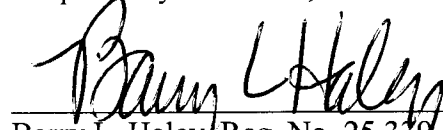
The Examiner has indicated that claims 7, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations and any intervening claims. Under a Rule 1.116 Amendment After Final canceling the rejected claims and leaving the allowed claims rewritten in independent form places the application in condition for allowance on its face.

Claims 5, 10, 11, 13 and 15 have been amended to be independent claims. Allowed claim 16 is also allowable because it depends from allowable claim 13.

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